Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to answer the question raised by the Lady Member?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—It is a very large question and the Hon'ble Member will not require me to give him an answer without looking more into it. I have no doubt that the point is one worth investigating.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Will the Government be pleased to provide work and wages to these beggars in the near future?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon: - It was answered yesterday.

Mr. President:—I do not think that any useful purpose will be served by conducting a quasi discussion like this. If Hon'ble Members are interested in this question I would advise them to put down a resolution and offer constructive suggestions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—On a point of order, Sir. May I know whether in the absence of a Member who has given notice of a question, any other Member will be allowed to put supplementary questions?

Mr. President:—I do not know what the practice in this Council is. The usual practice elsewhere is that the member who has put a question if absent usually authorises any other member in writing to the President and he is permitted to ask questions. I have no objection to follow that practice here.

Anyhow I shall be prepared to allow any member to put supplementary questions without such authorisation, for the present.

Mr. E Ikkanda Warriar:—We shall take advantage of that.

Registrar of Co-operative Societies—Appointment of.

124. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the actual pay of the present Co-operative Registrar before he was appointed to officiate;

(b) what pay he is now drawing in his new office;

(c) how long he has been in the Department now;

(d) for how many months he was in the foreign countries for further studies?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon:— (a) Rs. 60.

(b) Rs. 250.

(c) 8½ years.

(d) 1 year.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—May I know the qualification of the present incumbent?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon:—He is an M. A. of the Madras University and holds an Hons. Diploma in Co-operation in Manchester.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Has he also the benefit of extended travels in countries where co-operation is very successfully worked?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon:—I think he has.

125. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there were other candidates than the present officiating gentleman for the post of Registrar of Co-operative Societies;

(b) if so, who are they and what are their qulifications;

(c) did the late Diwan recommend any of them for the Registrar's post in preference to the present incumbent;

(d) whether the retiring Registrar had any foreign degrees or diplomas?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— (a) Yes.

(b) (1) Mr. Mulloth Balakrishna Menon, B. Sc., (Hons.) (Wales.)

(2) Dr. C. C. Mathew, M. A., Ph. D. (Columbia) Dip. Ed.

(3) Mr. P. Krishnan Nambiyar, B. A.

(4) Mr. Edakunny Krishna Warrier, M. A., B. Sc. (Econ.) London.

(5) Dr. K. B. Menon, M. A., Ph. D.

(c) Government are not prepared to disclose what recommendations were made by the Diwan.

(d) No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—(c) May I know why?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—The nature of the recommendation is confidential and therefore it could not be disclosed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—May I know whether any of the gentlemen mentioned here have special training in co-operation?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—Notice.

Mr P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Is not the present incumbent one who had the benefit of special training in Co-operation?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—He had, certainly. His work has been testified by the late Registrar, and he had been working as the Secretary of Mr. Devadhar.

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